

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/SE 2004/001879

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC7: A61M 25/10, A61M 16/04, A61L 2/16
 According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC7: A61M, A61L, A61F

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

SE, DK, FI, NO classes as above

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

EPO-INTERNAL, WPI DATA, PAJ

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	US 5417657 A (CAROLYN HAUER), 23 May 1995 (23.05.1995), column 3, line 5 - line 22; column 4, line 31 - line 39, claim 1 --	1-53
Y	S. CARLSSON ET AL, "Effects of pH, Nitrite, and Ascorbic Acid on Nonenzymatic Nitric Oxide Generation and Bacterial Growth in Urine", NITRIC OXIDE: Biology and Chemistry, 2001, Vol. 5, No. 6, p 580-586, ISSN 1089-8603, page 582, column 2, line 1 - line 22, abstract	1-16, 18-49, 51-53
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Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

See patent family annex.

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Y	WO 8401721 A1 (BAXTER TRAVENOL LABORATORIES, INC.), 10 May 1984 (10.05.1984)	17,50
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PCT/SE 2004/001879**Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)**

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: 18-39, 51-53

because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

Claims 18-39 and 51-53. relate(s) to a method of treatment of the human or animal body by surgery or by therapy, as well as diagnostic methods /Rule 39.1(iv). Nevertheless, a search has been executed for these claims. The search has been based on the alleged effects of the device.

2. Claims Nos.:

because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

3. Claims Nos.:

because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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